

Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District

AGENDA Board Meeting 34274 State Highway 16 Woodland, CA 95695 Tuesday, June 3, 2014 7:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

- 7:00 1. Consideration: The Board will consider adoption of the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular and May 23, 2014 Special Board Meetings.
- 7:02 2. Open forum (Limited to five minutes): Guest introductions, unscheduled appearances and opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.
- 7:07 3. Consideration: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda.
In order to add an item to the agenda, it must fit one of the following categories:
a) A majority determination that an emergency (as defined by the Brown Act) exists; or
b) A 4/5ths determination that the need to take action that arose subsequent to the agenda being posted.
- 7:10 4. Staff Report: Groundwater Issues Update.
- 7:25 5. Staff Report: Furlough and Shared Services Program Update.
- 7:40 6. Directors' Reports: Each member of the Board will have the opportunity to report on meetings and conferences attended during the prior month on behalf of the District.

- 7:45 7. Attorney's Report: The District's attorney will report on legal matters of concern to the District.
- 7:50 8. General Manager's Report: The Board will receive a report from the General Manager or designated representatives regarding current general activities and projects of the District.
- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions
 - b) Financial Report
 - c) General Activities
 - d) Upcoming Events
- 7:55 9. General Discussion: Opportunity for Board members to ask questions for clarification, provide information to staff, request staff to report back on a matter, or direct staff to place a matter on a subsequent agenda.
- 7:58 10. Consideration: The Board will consider the approval and the payment of bills.
- 8:00 11. Closed Session:
- a) Conference with real property negotiator O'Halloran regarding the sale of District property APN 025-010-018, (See Government Code Section 54954.5(b) and 54956.8).
- 8:15 12. Adjourn

The public may address the Board concerning an agenda item either before or during the Board's consideration of that agenda item. Public comment on items within the Board's jurisdiction is welcome, subject to reasonable time limits for each speaker. Upon request, agenda items may be moved up to accommodate those in attendance wishing to address that item. Times listed for consideration of agenda items are approximate only. The Board may consider any agenda item at any time during the Board meeting.

I declare that the foregoing agenda was posted at the office of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, CA on May 29, 2014.

By: _____
Christina Cobey, Administrative Assistant



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**FLOOD CONTROL &
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 7:00 PM

**YCFCWCD Offices
34274 State Highway 16
Woodland, CA 95695**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 3, 2014, at its regular place of business, 34274 State Highway 16, Woodland, California. Chair Tadlock convened the meeting. In attendance were:

District Board

Ron Tadlock, Chair
Ann Brice, Vice Chair
James Mayer
Bruce Rominger
Erik Vink

District Staff

Tim O'Halloran, General Manager
Christy Barton, Assistant General Manager - Administration
Max Stevenson, Assistant General Manager - Resources
Ryan Bezerra, Legal Counsel

Members of the Public

John McKean
Dave Pratt
Frank Siefertman, Sr.

1. CONSIDERATION: Approval of Minutes

M/S/C approved the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Regular Board Meeting as modified and the May 23, 2014 Special Board meeting as submitted.

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink

Noes: None

Absent: None

2. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

3. CONSIDERATION: Adding Items to the Posted Agenda

There were no changes made.

4. STAFF REPORT: Groundwater Issues Update

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the information presented at the May Regular Board meeting regarding the District's proposed "Year of Groundwater" program and the District's previous groundwater management related activities. He reported that he had met with the Water Resources Association of Yolo County (WRA) and the Yolo County Farm Bureau (YCFB) regarding the program and potential co-sponsorship with the WRA representing Yolo County water agencies and the YCFB representing the farming community. This proposal contemplates developing an informational groundwater fact sheet, a listing of Yolo County agencies with their authorities regarding groundwater, a comprehensive 2014 groundwater report and a bibliography of relevant groundwater reports. O'Halloran reported on outreach activities to date regarding the proposed program including the status of meetings with the City of Winters, Conaway Ranch, Reclamation District 108, WRA Technical Committee, Board of Supervisors and Yolo County Ag Futures Alliance (YC AFA).

Legal Counsel Bezerra provided information regarding two legislative bills and the governor's proposal to deal with groundwater issues. He reported that he is working for a group of 10 agencies to participate and monitor these types of activities.

O'Halloran reported that the governor is open to input, but intends to take action in 2014. With all of the groundwater related activities at the state and local level, the District will need to determine how it monitors the activities and decides when and how to participate. He reminded the Board that although groundwater legislation may not seem to have a direct impact on the District, there could be

unanticipated impacts on the District's operations and ability to recover groundwater. The Board directed the general manager to use his discretion in using staff, consultant and budget resources in addressing and engaging in these groundwater issues.

5. STAFF REPORT: Furlough and Shared Services Program Update

General Manager O'Halloran reviewed the adopted Fiscal Year (FY) 2014/15 Budget, which included a reduction in expenses due to furloughs or 10% pay reductions and an increase in revenues due to shared services with other agencies. The furloughs began on May 12, 2014, and so far appear to be working. He reviewed the agencies with which the District may contract for shared services. Currently, the District has a contract with the Yolo County Resource Conservation District for one position three days a week, the Yolo County Groundwater Initiative will pay the District \$25,000 to offset part of the District's labor costs for the program, and the Cache Creek Conservancy will utilize District personnel with equipment for finite, specific jobs, as needed. The District has met and is meeting with other agencies, and is in the process of developing additional work sharing agreements. This process is time consuming, but promising.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- a) Chair Tadlock and General Manager O'Halloran reported on the NCWA meeting on May 21, 2014. Discussion among the managers was very grim, with many facing water allocations for the first time.
- b) Tadlock reported that there will be a Sites Joint Powers Authority (Sites JPA) meeting on June 9, 2014 at the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) headquarters.
- c) Director Mayer reported that the June 16, 2014 meeting of the WRA focused on groundwater issues.
- d) Director Brice will be attending her first NCWA board meeting representing the District on July 18, 2014.

7. ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Legal Counsel Bezerra reviewed:

- a) The status of the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan Environmental Impact Report/Statement (Plan), which was released on December 13, 2013 for review. He reported that a Draft Implementing Agreement (Agreement) for the Plan was released on May 30, 2014 with a 60-day comment period. The comment period on the Plan was subsequently extended to July 29, 2014 to correspond with the comment deadline on the Agreement.
- b) SWRCB Curtailment notices have been mailed to Post-1914 water right holders on the Sacramento and San Joaquin watersheds informing them of the requirement to stop direct diversions and to certify their curtailment actions. He reported that there may be additional

curtailments coming out from the SWRCB for Junior Pre-1914 water right holders and briefly reviewed the water rights laws regarding the priority of water rights being based on seniority.

- c) SWRCB has adopted emergency regulations that require curtailments on water diversions if minimum flows in three Sacramento River tributaries are not met. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has provided base flows for the fisheries on the three tributaries. SWRCB adopted the NMFS flows as drought emergency minimum flow requirements for the protection of specific runs of federal and state listed anadromous fish in Mill Creek, Deer Creek and Antelope Creek. Curtailment notices have been sent to all diverters on the three rivers to protect the fisheries with the SWRCB declaring all diversions from those streams to be an unreasonable use of the water and, therefore, subject to curtailment. Bezerra stated this has not been done before and will undoubtedly be challenged.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager O'Halloran reported on:

- a) Operations, Maintenance and Water Conditions - The Water Conditions Report and a hydrograph of a real-time groundwater monitoring well were reviewed.
- b) Financial Report Summary – Highlights of the April 30, 2014 Monthly Management Financial Statements were reviewed. Based on the unaudited year-end report, for FY 2013/14, the District's revenue was 1% higher than expected, which reduced the budgeted net loss to \$790,000.
- c) General Activities - A list of outreach activities and projects both in-house and coordinating with other agencies was reviewed.
- d) Upcoming Events
 1. June 4 – Sites JPA Committee at GCID from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 2. June 5 & 10 – Teichert Moore Canal Realignment Public Meetings at 6:00 p.m.
 3. June 10 – Yolo County Board of Supervisors - Groundwater discussion at 10:00 a.m.
 4. June 10 - YCFB - Groundwater discussion at 7:00 p.m.
 5. June 16 – WRA Board meeting at 3:00 p.m.
 6. June 23 - YC AFA - Groundwater discussion at 2:30 p.m.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Board asked if the District has an estimate on the number of fallowed acres within Yolo County or on the conversion to permanent crops. General Manager O'Halloran reported that the District does not have that information, but the Yolo County Agricultural Commissioner's Office may. O'Halloran reported that the CA Department of Water Resources is currently updating Bulletin 118 data regarding Yolo County and the requested information should be part of the published report.

10. CONSIDERATION: Payment of Bills

M/S/C approval for the following claim(s) for payment:

Ayes: Directors Brice, Mayer, Rominger, Tadlock and Vink
Noes: None
Absent: None

Yolo County Flood Control Checks: #49977 – 49985

Chair Tadlock announced that Open Session was being adjourned into Closed Session to confer with Real Property Negotiator O’Halloran regarding the sale of District property APN 025-010-018.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

- a) Conferred with real property negotiator O’Halloran regarding the sale of District property APN 025-010-018 (See Government Code Section 54954.5(b) and 54956.8). Persons present other than the Board were General Manager O’Halloran, Assistant General Manager – Administration Barton, Assistant General Manager - Resources Stevenson and Legal Counsel Bezerra.

Chair Tadlock reconvened the meeting to Open Session and announced that there was no action to report from Closed Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Ron Tadlock, Chair

ATTEST:

Tim O’Halloran, Secretary

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